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1. Four-engine aircraft, most of them flying individually, were seen almost daily over KAZAN (49°2'E/55°46'N), Tatar ASSR. The planes had the following characteristics:

Radial engines, single rudder assembly, long nose of fuselage with full-view cockpit. Machine guns mounted on rear end of fuselage aft of the tail assembly, below the fuselage between the wings, and in the cockpit.

2. Fifty to sixty four-engine aircraft were observed flying in squadron formations at an air show.

Comment :

a. This report is a remarkable corroboration of the statements made by Soviet deserter TOKAYEV.

b. It may be assumed that the air show mentioned was held in KAZAN in the summer or fall of 1946 on a Soviet holiday. These 50 to 60 four-engine aircraft, 3-29 copies, can hardly be assumed to represent the total strength of the Soviet AED-units gathered over KAZAN for this show.

c. According to more recent reports it is assumed that tactical and training units of the Soviet strategic bomber force (four-engine and twin-engine planes), in addition to units assigned to the air defense system and equipped with conventional jet fighters, are stationed at the fields in the vicinity of KAZAN.

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